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SUBJECT: AM SESSION STSC - MAY 11

1. CANADIANS OPENED SESSION WITH PRESENTATION ON THEIR REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM THAT WAS GENEROUS IN PRAISE OF NASA' S COOPERATION. NUMBER OF SLIDES INTENDED TO ILLUSTRATE CANADIAN THESIS THAT QUICK READOUT FACILITY WAS INEXPENSIVE AND FOR MOST PART ADEQUATE MEANS OF ACQUIRING AND PROCESSING DATA FOR CANADIAN USERS. REFERRING TO POSSIBLE REGIONAL STATIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, CANADA SUGGESTED COST OF QUICK READOUT FACILITY WAS IN RANGE OF \$600,000, WITH ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS ABOUT \$200,000. CANADIANS ALSO SUGGESTED THEIR GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO REQUEST FROM LDCS FOR FINANCING ( COMMERCIAL) CONSTRUCTION OF READOUT STATIONS FOR USE ON REGIONAL BASIS. CANADIANS AFTERWARDS TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER FINANCING SUCH STATIONS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE HAD NOT BEEN CLEARNED THROUGH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT TREND IN CANADIAN THINKING WAS TO BE RECEPTIVE TO ANY SUCH REQUEST.

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2. LEGAL ASPECTS COVERED BY NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS. USSR PATTED ITSELF WARMLY ON BACK FOR SUBMITTING ITS OWN LEGAL PRINCIPLES AND CORRECTLY NOTED THEY HAD RECEIVED WIDE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. FRANCE SAID IT WAS INTERESTED IN GENERAL SURVEY OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES, BUT STRESSED TASK FORCE WAS NOT EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. MOROCCO AND ARGENTINA, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING FROM SPACE, RAISING QUESTION OF ACQUISITION AS WELL AS RESTRICTION ON DISSEMINATION OF DATA.

3. THERE WAS GENERAL DISPOSITION TO ACCEPT MANDATE FOR TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES AS OUTLINED IN PARA 59 OF PROGRESS REPORT. MOST COMMENTS ON TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE DIRECTED TOWARD RELATIONS OF TASK FORCE TO OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE, STSC AND SECRETARIAT AND ENSURING THAT TASK FORCE WOULD NOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY. ON LATTER POINT FIORIO SATISFIED MOST MEMBERS BY REMINDING THEM THAT THE TASK FORCE COULD NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE TIME FRAME ESTABLISHED FOR THE WGRS. HE THOUGHT MEETING OF TASK FORCE THIS OCTOBER OR THEREABOUTS WOULD PROBABLY WIND UP ITS WORK.

4. STATUS OF BACKGROUND PAPER UNCERTAIN AT THIS POINT. MOST DELEGATIONS THIS MORNING APPEARED SATISFIED SPECIAL GROUP FOR DRAFTING QUESTIONNAIRE COULD ADQUATELY HANDLE REVISION OF CHAPTERS 1 AND 2 OF BACKGROUND PAPER, WHICH MIGHT THEN BE SENT AS INFORMATION PAPER APPENDED TO QUESTIONNAIRE. NVERTHELESS, AT CLOSE OF SESSION ABDUL GHANI GRATUITOUSLY OFFERED SERVICES OF SECRETARIAT FOR FULL REVISION OF BACKGROUND PAPER AND PROPOSED STSC ALLOW OSAD DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT LATEST COMMENTS OF MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN REVISED PAPER OR ADDED AS APPENDIX. ( IN OUR STATEMENT PM SESSION WE DO NOT INTEND TO ANSWER ABDUL GHANI PROPOSAL DIRECTLY, BUT WILL MAKE CLEAR WE BELIEVE FIORIO DRAFTING GROUP ON QUESTIONNAIRE CAN ADQUATELY HANDLE PROBLEMS RELATED TO BACKGROUND PAPER).

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